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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Oversight Committee
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SUBJECT: Implementation Update 25: Revised Community Support Rates

As you know, the Department of Health and Human Services has been engaged in a focused review of the Community Support service. As part of that review, we have examined the current rate of \$15.24 per 15 minute unit.

The current rate was developed assuming that the service would be delivered by a combination of professional, associate professional and paraprofessional staff. In developing the rate, we assumed that a significant portion of the service that any individual received would be delivered by a Qualified Professional. We indicated when the new services were implemented that we would re-examine the rates after the services had been actually delivered for a period of time and would increase or decrease rates based upon that actual experience. The record reviews that our staffs have performed to-date demonstrate that the vast majority of the services are being delivered by paraprofessional staff. Accordingly, the DHHS Rate Review Board yesterday approved a revised rate for Community Support Individual – Child and Adult (H0036HA and H0036HB) of \$10 per 15 minute unit. The Community Support Group (H0036HQ) rate was correspondingly reduced to \$3.20 per 15 minute unit. These new rates are effective with claims paid on or after April 1, 2007. These revised rates are applicable for both Medicaid and state funded (IPRS) services.

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